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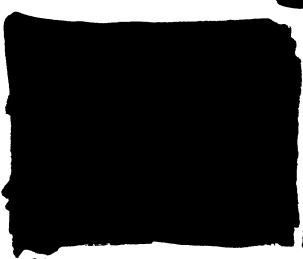
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The Revolution and the Outside World



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83. Cuba has also moved to solidify its tirs with Mengistu and seems prepared to provide medical and other forms of technical assistance as well as military training. The extent of Cuban interest was demonstrated by Fidel Castro's visit to Addis Ababa in mid-March. This visit was preceded by a high-level Cuban. delegation in late February. That delegation was headed by a general who in the past has been used to arrange military, economic, and technical aid to African countries, and military assistance was almost certainly discussed. Castro's decision to visit Ethiopia strongly implies that the Cubans have already decided to provide some assistance. Cuha-which has trained in Somalia some of the guerrillas operating in the Ogaden and is training others for possible use in the FTAI—is likely to take into consideration Somali sensitivities as it moves toward greater involvement in Ethiopia, even though Havana, like Moscow, probably views this as an ideal moment to gain influence in the larger country. During this visit Castro airanged a meeting between himself, Mengistu, Siad, and South Yemeni President Ali in Aden in an attempt to get Mengistu and Siad at least to agree in principle to resolve their differences. Mengistu was agreeable, but the talks ended in failure when Siad insisted on discussing Somalia's claim to parts of Ethiopian territory—a demand unacceptable to Mengistu. Siad maintained his position despite Castro's pleas for some agreement as part of a strategy to block an alleged imperialist and reactionary Arab threat to the Red Sea area.

